

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1-7. (Cancelled).

8. (Currently Amended) A method for preparing **[[a]]** furan polymer impregnated wood, comprising impregnating wood in one impregnation step with a polymerizable ~~furfural~~ furfuryl alcohol monomer solution, said solution containing, based on the weight of the solution, from 1.9 to 5.1% of water, borax, from 1.9 to 5.1% of maleic anhydride or maleic acid, from 4.8 to 33.3% of a sodium salt of lignosulfonic acid, furfuryl alcohol, and the balance water at least one further compound selected from the group consisting of maleic anhydride, phthalic anhydride, maleic acid, malic acid, phthalic acid and combinations thereof, followed by a and curing **[[step]]** the impregnated wood at a temperature in a range of from about 70 to about 140°C to form furan polymer impregnated wood having a furan polymer content of from 6.3 to 48.3% based on the weight of the wood.

9. (Cancelled).

10. (Currently Amended) The method of claim **[[9]]**8, wherein said curing **[[step]]** is performed at a temperature at the beginning of curing of about 70°C and at the end of about 80°C, with a final drying **[[step]]** between 100 to 120°C.

11. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 10, wherein said curing and drying **[[steps]]** can be performed from about 80 to 120° C.

12. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 11, wherein said curing is performed by submerging the impregnated wood in hot oil at 80 to 120°C, with the temperature either fixed or starting lower in the range and increasing as curing and drying proceeds.